

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheets for Figures 1, 3, 4A, 4B and 11 are attached. These replacement sheets are formal renditions of the Annotated Sheets of drawings filed with Applicant's Reply filed April 19, 2005.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, 11-16 are pending.

Claims 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16 stand allowed.

Claims 1-7, 10-12 and 14 were rejected.

Foreign Priority

The indication that the foreign priority document has been received and placed in the file is noted.

Information Disclosure Statement

The indication that the Information Disclosure Statement of February 7, 2005 was considered is noted.

Drawings

The Examiner accepted the drawings filed on April 19, 2005. Actually, the drawings of April 19, 2005 presented changes to the figures. It is assumed that the Examiner approved these changes. Accordingly, replacement sheets have been provided herewith.

Entry of the Amendment

The above amendments should be entered because they place the application in condition for allowance. No new issues are set forth. This amendment was not earlier made because new references were cited in the last Office Action.

Dependent claims 11, 12 now depend on allowed claim 4 and claim 14 now, depends on allowed claim 13.

Reply to Rejections

First Rejection

Claims 3 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Homfeldt. This rejection is moot as claim 14 now depends on allowed claim 13, and claim 3 has been cancelled.

Second Rejection

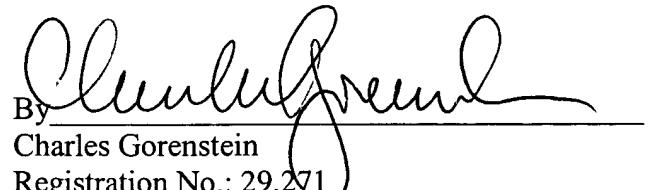
Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reimer (U. S. Patent 3,670,409). This rejection is moot, as claims 11 and 12 now depend on allowed claim 9. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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